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Cc: Dana Stotsky[dana.stotsky@environmentalactioncenter.org]
From: David Reed
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 4:45:06 PM
Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting with EPA Region IX Regarding EPA and DOGGR's Cooperative Oversight of the California Aquifer Exemption Review and Current Well Operations

Dear David,

I want to thank you again for speaking with us regarding California's UIC program and aquifer exemption issues. We hope to keep the lines of communication with your office open as DOGGR performs its review and clarification of the preliminary assessment of the eleven aquifers. The citizens of California are counting on EPA to protect these vital resources and bring California's underground injection program into compliance. As more information on currently exempt aquifers becomes available, we hope EPA will keep us informed regarding its plans to expedite moratoriums where necessary.

Sincerely,

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From: Albright, David [mailto:Albright.David@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 6:24 PM
To: David Reed <David.Reed@environmentalactioncenter.org>
Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting with EPA Region IX Regarding EPA and DOGGR's Cooperative Oversight of the California Aquifer Exemption Review and Current Well Operations

Dear Mr. Reed,

It looks like we could schedule a call on Tuesday, August 11th at 2pm (Pacific time). If that is a convenient time for you, please let me know the best number for us to call.

Regards,

David

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From: David Reed [mailto:David.Reed@environmentalactioncenter.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 5:03 PM
To: Albright, David
Cc: Jon Jacobs; Dana Stotsky
Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting with EPA Region IX Regarding EPA and DOGGR's Cooperative Oversight of the California Aquifer Exemption Review and Current Well Operations

Mr. Albright,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. We'll have a better idea next week of our availability, but we'll be available anytime on Thursday the 6th, and after noon (PST) on Tuesday the 11th for a meeting via conference call. In preparation for the meeting, I'd like to propose an agenda to answer some of the more pressing questions:

1. Application deadline discrepancies between EPA and the emergency regulations;
2. Injection wells operating in any of the 11 aquifers;
 - a. This will address the urgent question of whether EPA will require DOGGR to enforce the October 15, 2015 aquifer exemption deadline for any Class II injection well located in 10 of the 11 aquifers found to be nonexempt. That is, in light of the findings in the preliminary assessment of the 11 aquifers – indicating that 10 of the 11 aquifers are nonhydrocarbon bearing, and have less than 3,000 ppm TDS – will well operators be forced to cease injection unless and until an application for exemption is approved? Currently, the deadline for operators in the 11 aquifers appears to be December 31, 2016.
3. Minimum requirements for exemption applications, permit applications and injection fluid testing.

We look forward to discussing these issues and others described in our July 21st letter. Enjoy the week and please let us know when would be a convenient time to meet upon your return.

Best,

Dave

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From: Albright, David [<mailto:Albright.David@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:35 PM
To: David Reed <David.Reed@environmentalactioncenter.org>
Subject: Request for a Meeting with EPA Region IX Regarding EPA and DOGGR's Cooperative Oversight of the California Aquifer Exemption Review and Current Well Operations

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am writing in response to your letter to Jane Diamond, our former Water Division Director. I wanted to let you know that we have received your letter and would be happy to set up a meeting for us to discuss the issues you raised in your letter. I am on leave until Tuesday August 4th, so I will plan to call you when I am back in the office to arrange the meeting. If there are particular days/times that would work better for you either the latter part of the week of Aug 3 or the week of Aug 10, feel free to let me know.

Regards,

David Albright

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From: David Reed <David.Reed@environmentalactioncenter.org>

Date: July 21, 2015 at 1:28:55 PM PDT

To: "Nancy Woo, Water Division" <Woo.nancy@Epa.gov>

Subject: Forwarded: Request for a Meeting with EPA Region IX Regarding EPA and DOGGR's Cooperative Oversight of the California Aquifer Exemption Review and Current Well Operations

Dear Ms. Woo,

Please find the attached letter, as addressed to Jane Diamond, Water Division, EPA Region IX, and sent to the addresses (below). If this should be directed to her, please forward it to the appropriate address, as the email address I have was returned (diamond.jane@epa.gov). Thank you for your attention to this, and please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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